

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: William Williams House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/8/5
Boyd's H.D.3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6
H-14

4. Address: 19900 White Grounds Road

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status occupied
Accessible no
Present use private residencePrevious Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Historical Sites
Federal State x County x Local

6. Date: 1908

7. Original Owner: James Emory Williams

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellent b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by one bay, two-and-a-half story house sits on the southwest side of White Grounds Road facing northeast. This L-shape frame house has white novelty siding. The northeast porch has a shed roof supported by four square wooden columns. On the southeast elevation there is a two-story porch, enclosed at first level and open at second level. There are two-over-two double-hung windows flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. The cross gable roof has black asbestos shingles.

10. Significance: The history of this house, built by one of the three founders of Boyds, reflects the influence of the owners from the close proximity to the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad, the Boyds Presbyterian Church and the church manse. Of additional significance is its part in this community, which seems to have been planned by James Williams.

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The present owners bought the place in 1972, and restored it to the present charming condition.

11. Researcher and date researched: Margaret Coleman-9/79

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 3 acres

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M: 18/8/5
Boyds H.D.
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC William Williams House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 19900 White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyds

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Dwight Mote

Telephone #: 972-0251

STREET & NUMBER

19900 White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyds

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4195

Folio #: 120

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M.13-8-5

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dwight Mote House is located on the northwest side of White Grounds Road. It faces southeast and is built upon fieldstone foundations. This two-and-a-half story, three bay by two bay house has a central hall flanked on each side by two rooms. It has a hipped roof, pierced on the southeast (front) and northwest (rear) elevations by a cross gable. The cross gable in both instances is decorated by a wooden truss and a round headed two-light window. The roof is covered by raised seam metal roofing. The exterior of this house is now covered by light green asbestos shingles. There is one stove chimney on the northeast (side) elevation. There are two-over-two double-hung windows throughout. The front door is surmounted by a three-light fixed transom and flanked on each side by three-light sidelights. A porch extends across the southeast (front) elevation. This has a half-hipped roof with a centered cross gable which repeats the same design of the main roof. The porch roof is supported by four square wooden posts. The entire porch is supported by short stacks of bricks.

The terrain of White Grounds Road is generally flat. This house is nicely landscaped by maple and hemlock trees.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1908 BUILDER/ARCHITECT James Emory Williams

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Frank Thomas purchased the property in 1961.⁵ Thomas was a federal government employee who wanted a home near a railroad for his daily commute to Washington, D.C. His 1961 purchase occurred the same year the church installed chimes on the roof⁶ which, each Sunday morning, played hymns such as, "The Old Rugged Cross". The effect of the music on Mr. and Mrs. Thomas is unreported.

Although he was not a member of this church, Thomas received informal counseling during the terminal illness of his wife from Rev. Merritt Ednie, minister of the church, and showed his appreciation for this service by donating a new furnace to the manse.⁸

Thomas sold the place to the present owners, Dwight and Jane Mote, in February, 1972. The proximity to the railroad had attracted them, too, and Dwight commuted daily on the rail until his retirement from government service in June, 1979. The Motes are active members of the church and community. Dwight served as church treasurer from 1976-1978, and coached a local youth basketball team to several championships. Jane, a professional florist, has charge of floral decorations for church services. The Motes restored the house to its present charming condition.

(Continued on Attachment Sheet A)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.

Vail, Earle L., The Presbyterian Church at Boyds Station, The First One Hundred Years. Boyds Presbyterian Church, Boyds, 1976.

Ednie, Rev. Merritt, Interview.

Lawson, Mrs. Georgia, Tenmile Creek Road, Interview.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margaret Coleman

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

9/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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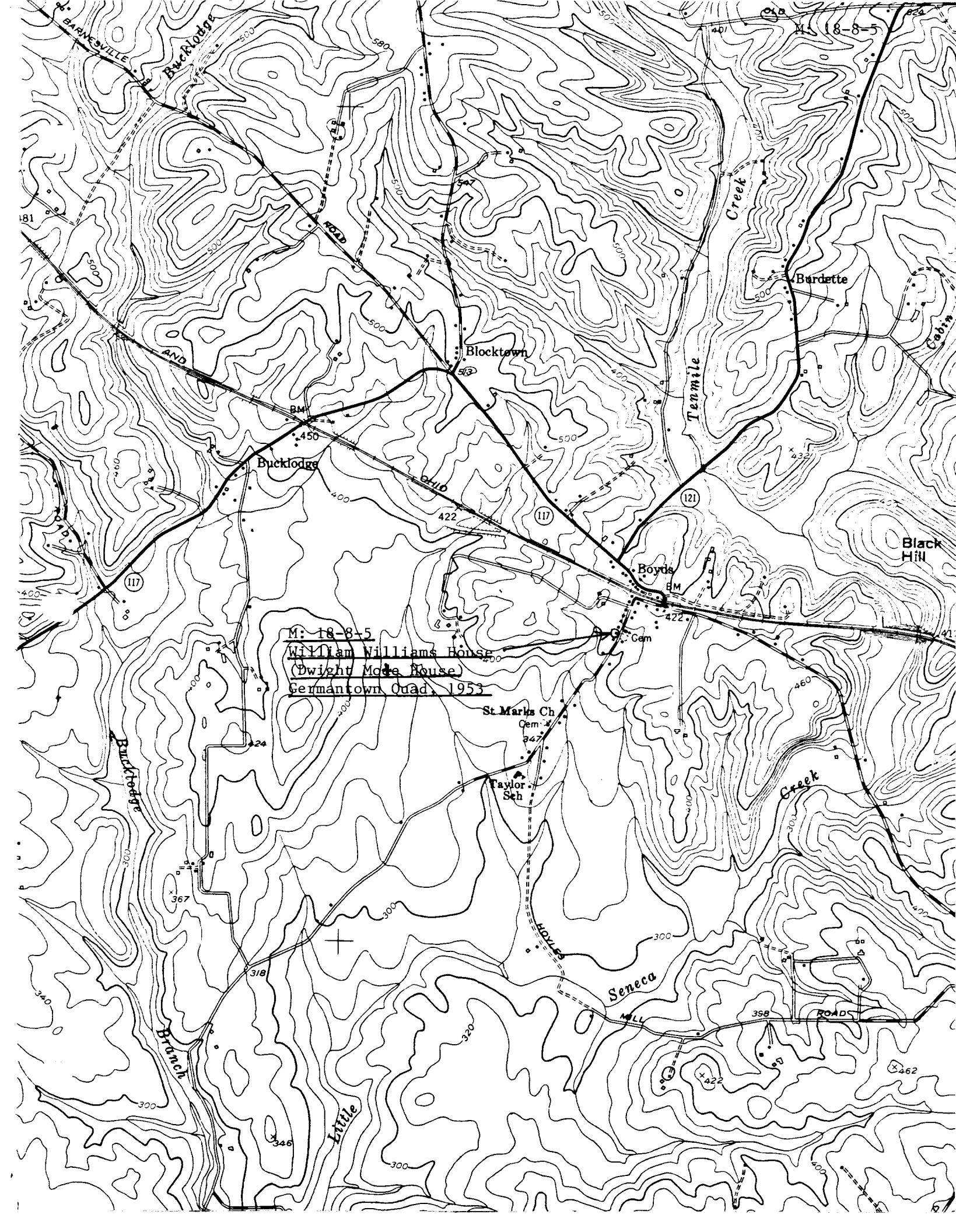
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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William Williams House

FOOTNOTES:

1. Montgomery County Land Records, 198/205 (April 6, 1908).
2. Ibid., EBP 8/59 (November 24, 1870).
3. Vail, Earle L., The Presbyterian Church at Boyds Station, The First One Hundred Years. Boyds Presbyterian Church, Boyds, 1976, p. 26
4. Land Records, op. cit., 542/487 (May 1932).
5. Ibid., 2889/153 (August 25, 1961).
6. Vail, op. cit., p. 36.
7. Mrs. Georgia Lawson, Tenmile Creek Road, personal friend of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Interview, 1979.
8. Rev. Merritt Ednie, Interview, 1979.



M: 18-8-5
William Williams House
(Dwight Moore House)
Germantown Quad, 1953



H. 18-8-5

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William's
House
1990
White
Grounds